

10/519094**DT01 Rec'd PCT/PTO 27 DEC 2004**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Drive belt for rotational transfer of a force between two or more drive wheels, provided with a tensile means for transferring the force to be transferred between said drive wheels, ~~characterised in that,~~ in which the tensile means is incorporated radially centred in the belt, which belt is provided with transverse elements disposed on to at least one radial side of said tensile means, effecting a contact between the belt and a drive wheel, and in which elastically deformable material is included between the tensile means and the transverse elements, characterised in that ~~provided the~~ tensile means is composed of ~~with a~~ flat strip or sheet like tensile means of minimal thickness, and of a width at least substantially corresponding to the width of a ~~contact body~~ transverse means ~~disposed on to at least one radial side of said tensile means, effecting a contact between the belt and a drive wheel,~~ which tensile means is included in the belt with overlapping end parts.

2. (currently amended) Drive belt according to claim 1, ~~for rotational transfer of a force between two or more drive wheels, provided with a tensile means for transferring the force to be transferred between said drive wheels, and a contact body for realising contact between the belt and the drive wheels, the contact body being composed of a plurality of transverse elements, and between which transverse elements, as taken in the longitudinal direction of the belt, in adhesive contact with the tensile means, is provided an intermediate body of a relatively~~

~~soft elastically deformable material, characterised in that the tensile means comprises a strap like means of minimal thickness, the width of which strap like means substantially corresponding to the width of the contacting body transverse means at the level of the tensile means in the belt, and in that the strap like means being is incorporated in the belt with radial overlapping end parts.~~

3. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, characterised in that the tensile means is composed of a metal material, preferably spring type metal or of a UD-material.

4. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the tensile means is comprises an elastically deformable, rubber like material, coated on to the tensile element, such that a small layer of material is located in a contact between the tensile element and a transverse element, ~~in particular forming part of the intermediate body.~~

5. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the tensile element is of a thickness less than 0.5 mm, preferably less than 0,25 mm, in particular 0,1 mm or less.

6. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the width of the tensile means at least substantially corresponds to the width of a transverse element, the width of the transverse element slightly extending beyond the tensile means.

7. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the element thickness is less than 0,20 times the smallest running radius, in particular less than 1,5 mm.

8. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~the preceding claim 1~~ characterised in that the intermediate body has an elasticity

modulus more than 6 times lower than that of the transverse elements.

9. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the mutual distance of the transverse elements corresponds to the thickness of the elements;

10. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the maximum height of the intermediate body corresponds to the mutual distance between the elements.

11. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the intermediate body is provided over at least a substantial part of the width of the tensile means.

12. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the maximum height of the intermediate body is less than half of the transverse element height taken from the relevant radial side of the tensile means to the relevant radial end of the transverse means.

13. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the intermediate body is adhesively attached to the relevant radial face of the tensile means.

14. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the maximum element height is less than half of the nominal element width.

15. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the transverse element is composed of acetals (POM) or high tech thermoplastic or themoset engineering plastics.

16. (currently amended) Belt according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the tensile means is composed of a single part which is curled to an endless element.

17. (currently amended) Endless pull belt, ~~in particular according to any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~more in particular V-belt~~ for application in a transmission with a V-wedged variable width pulley, ~~more in particular a variable width pulley~~, comprising a tensile means and transverse elements comprising a V-shape with lateral pulley contacting faces, an elastically deformable spacing means being located longitudinally between said elements, characterised in that tensile means comprises a flat, strip like tensile element of a minimal thickness TT, i.e. $0,05 \text{ mm} \geq TT \leq 0,25 \text{ mm}$, extending over a width WT, substantially matching the nominal width WB of an element, i.e. $0.5 * WB \geq WT \leq 0.9 * WB$, the element being located centred over the radial height of an element in the belt, the tensile element further being composed like a single body, preferably a strip composed of metal material or of a synthetic UD-material.